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Committee considers changes in discipline code

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Discipline Code Review Committee met with the School Committee January 20. The discussion was led by Assistant Principal Charles Caparelli, who chairs the committee. The committee, comprised of students, parents, faculty and an administrator, was convened at the request of the School Committee in late spring to review the discipline code found in the student handbook.

The discussion focused on proposed changes in the policy relative to suspensions and hearings for issues relating to students carrying weapons to school, sexually explicit materials being brought to school or in the possession of a student, sexual assault, and violations of drug and alcohol policies.

Caparelli noted an addition to the policy dealing with cumulative citations, which now states that if a student gets three citations within a 30-day period, he/she will receive a discipline report. If the third citation occurs on the 31st or 32nd day, the other citations will be thrown out as the citation was received after the 30-day period.

Regarding the destruction of private property, a student will receive a one day outside suspension for minor damage, with restitution to be made by the student.

A three day outside suspension will be in force for major damage to private or public property, with restitution by the student. The administration will make the determination between major and minor damage.

The first offense for a student in violation of the drug or alcohol policy will require the student to show that treatment and/or counseling is being carried out prior to that student being able to return to school.

Any student in possession of a weapon, such as a gun or knife, will be expelled for one calendar year if the weapon is used or found on a student on school grounds or at a school sponsored function. One paragraph in the policy attempts to classify any conceivable type of weapon.

A similar expulsion will occur, if voted by the school committee, in the event of a student assault or any attempt to assault an employee or volunteer. The same rule will be enforced if there is an attempted or sexual assault on any employee, volunteer or student.

During the period of suspension or while waiting for a hearing, the school system will provide for home tutoring of a secondary student. The student's parents or guardian will be responsible for reimbursing the town for the expense of the home tutoring if the student is found guilty.

School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty asked if it would be legal to have parents pay for that tutorial program since state law requires communities to provide for the education of all school age children until the age of 16.

Caparelli said he was not positive if the reimbursement requirement is legal. "I would have to check into that," he said.

A Saturday suspension, an option for students facing an out-of-school suspension, has been changed from requiring parents to come with the student and pick the student up at the end of the class to a request that they attend. Caparelli said that most parents have indicated that their child should work out the problem themselves by taking responsibility. "Parents can come into the program and wait if they wish," he said. "It's a request they attend."

Another additional change proposed will penalize students who arrive late for a Saturday suspension by enforcing a 5 day outside suspension.

Lastly, any parent or guardian wishing to discuss a problem or concern should follow the chain of command: 1. address it with the teacher first; 2. if not resolved, go to the administration; 3. if still not resolved, go to the Superintendent; 4. last resort, go before the School Committee by written request.

Superintendent Richard Palermo thanked the Discipline Committee for its efforts. "I wish to commend specifically the students and parents," he said, "as we have to be ready to carry these policies out so that we will have safe schools."

The school committee will review the changes and run it by legal counsel before voting on the policy.

Budget

The Committee reviewed the proposed working budget submitted by Palermo for over an hour. Palermo remarked

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Good Citizens

CHRONICLE photo by Alexander A. Belisle

SUTTON - The General Rufus Putnam Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recently presented its annual DAR Good Citizen Awards to area high school students. This year's recipients were Sarah Auciello of Millbury High School and Brandon Kibbe of Sutton High School. Presenting the awards was chairwoman Beverly Anderson. Good citizens are chosen by faculty and students of their respective high schools, based on the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Crafty People

(L-R) Betty Kotzen, Jo-Ann Dunn and Lorraine McKenney displayed some of their crafts at the Millbury Public Library's book and bake sale on Saturday.

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We The People

Trash dilemmas have not gone away

To The Editor:

We write today to urge all Massachusetts residents to remember some simple facts about Question 3 from last Fall's ballot.

Our statewide grassroots "person-to-person" campaign faced 6 million dollars worth of negative and misleading advertisements financed primarily by Exxon, Dow Chemical, Union Carbide, and other known polluters. Unfortunately, the truth about Question 3's environmental standards for packaging, and its list of thousands of endorsing organizations, often got pushed aside.

The defeat of Question 3 leaves our solid waste problems unchanged. Massachusetts still burns and buries two billion pounds of packaging trash every year, wasting money and natural resources. One of our top environmental and economic priorities must be to reduce environmentally unsound packaging and to create better markets for the recyclable materials collected in cities and towns throughout the state.

In closing, please remember that the severe trash dilemmas that face our state have not gone away. Our efforts for environmentally sound packaging and more recycling will continue. We urge you to join us.

Mark Roosevelt, State Representative
Myrna Hewitt, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts
Amy Perry, MASSPIRG
for the Yes on 3 Coalition

Obituaries

Mabel L. Moore

MILLBUERY - Mabel L. (Brown) Moore, 101, of 27 Grafton Street, died January 19th in Lawrence Memorial Hospital, New London, CT, after being taken ill while visiting her daughter.

Her husband, Frank E. Moore, died in 1948. She leaves two sons, William F. Moore and Arthur J. Moore, both of Millbury; a daughter, Helen C. Maranda of Old Lyme, CT; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces. She was born in Portsmouth, NH, a daughter of the late William and Mary (Maloney) Brown, and lived in Grafton before moving to Millbury 70 years ago. She was a graduate of Portsmouth (NH) High School and the former Margaret Veasy School of Cosmetology in Worcester.

Mrs. Moore was a hairdresser in Worcester for many years. She was also a Licensed Practical Nurse and worked for many years as a nurse at the Masonic Home in Charlton. She was also a private-duty nurse in the Greater Worcester area and Old Lyme, CT. She was a former member of Old South Church in Worcester for several years.

A funeral service was held January 22 in Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street; the Reverend Robert A. Fortin officiated. Burial followed in Hope Cemetery, Worcester.

Colleen A. Bertrand

MILLBURY - Colleen A. (Morgan) Bertrand, 55, of 12 Warren Street, died January 15th in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after a long illness.

She leaves her husband of 38 years, Richard R. Bertrand, Sr.; a son, Richard R. Bertrand, Jr., of Northborough; a daughter, Cynthia S. Paquette of Worcester; her father, Harold R. Morgan, of Mt. Vernon, IL; her mother and stepfather, Gladys M. (Ribling) Gramlich and Allan Gramlich, both of Belleville, IL; a sister, Sandra L. Freed of Belleville, IL; three stepbrothers, Dean A. Gramlich, Dale P. Gramlich, and Glen D. Gramlich, all of Belleville, IL; two grandsons; an uncle; three aunts; several nephews and nieces.

She was born in Mt. Vernon, IL and lived seven years in South Grafton and 29 years in Millbury. She attended Belleville (IL) Township High School.

Mrs. Bertrand worked as a receptionist for Dr. Charles Gagne of North Grafton for seven years. She was a member of St. Brigid's Church and was a teacher in the parish's CCD program for many years. She was also a former Cub Scout leader and a former member of Clearview Country Club.

The funeral was held January 19th from Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street, with a Funeral Mass in St. Brigid's Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 7 Oak Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

John R. Holm

MILLBURY - John R. Holm, 69, of 7 Mayfair Lane, died January 13th in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after being stricken ill at his home.

He leaves his wife of 46 years, Agnes E. (Mangs) Holm; two daughters, Joyce Jalbert of Auburn and Nancy Holm of Joinville, Santa Catarina, Brazil; a brother, Robert Holm of Worcester; a sister, Dagny Carlson of Oxford; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; an aunt; nephews and nieces. A son, Kenneth Holm, died in 1971. His mother, Elsie M. (Carlson) Holm, died January 3rd.

He was born in Worcester, a son of the late Sanfrid and Elsie M. (Carlson) Holm, and lived here 33 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II during which he served as a range section operator in Battery B, 168th Antiaircraft (Gun) Battalion, during the Southern Philippines and Luzon Campaigns in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations.

Mr. Holm was an extruder operator at the former Belden Wire and Cable Co. in Shrewsbury for 11 years before he retired in 1990. Previously, he was a wholesale truck driver for the former Salmonsen Dairy in Worcester for 25 years. He was a member of the Klondike Inn Cribbage Club in South Grafton.

The funeral service was held January 18th in Turgeon Funeral Home, 64 Main Street; the Reverend Jane Haley officiated. Burial followed in Worcester County Memorial Park, Paxton. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Frances C. Taylor

MILLBURY - Frances C. (Taylor) Taylor, 90, formerly of Millbury, died January 18th in the Lutheran Home of Worcester Inc., 26 Harvard Street, Worcester.

Her husband, Walter Taylor, died in 1958. She leaves a son, Walter R. Taylor; two daughters, Sally E. Taylor and Carolyn F. Taylor; a sister, Eleanor Hanson, all of Millbury; four grandchildren; one great-grandson and nieces and nephews. She was born in Sheffield, England, daughter of Barry C. and Sarah (Rippon) Taylor and came here in 1906.

Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Millbury Federated Church.

Funeral services were held January 21st in Millbury Federated Church. Burial was in Central Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

SUTTON - The Annual Waters Farm Benefit Sleigh Rally will be held at Waters Farm, West Sutton, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. $5.00 per car.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

MILLBURY - Millbury Women's Club will meet at the First Congregational Church on West Main Street at noon.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. in the General Rufus Putnam Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will host a turkey dinner luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street, next to the common. $5.00 per person.

Friends Meeting

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet at 7 p.m. on February 4. Any adult who has paid for a single or family membership is a Friend and is encouraged to attend.

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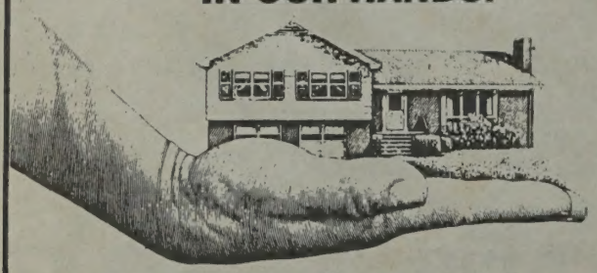

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

'We may be country hicks, but we aren't dumb.'

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Board was faced with a short agenda of both old and new business items at its January 19 meeting, with three items consuming most of the meeting.

MBTA Advisory Committee

Selectman Gerry Bleau summed up most of the board's and the MBTA Advisory Committee's feelings on a proposal to site an MBTA station in East Millbury when he said, "They can take their train and put it somewhere else!" He was reacting to an interim report presented by MBTA Advisory Committee Chairman Jeff Dore. The Committee presented four areas of concern and suggested that they be addressed as soon as possible by the Selectmen:

"1. It is important that a revision of the current MBTA assessment figures for member communities be altered to include new communities, such as Millbury. Now is the time to have our legislators and town officials negotiate an equitable formula for our town. Under current assessment formula, it appears we would be penalized for being the host community.

"2. We ask the Board of Selectmen to notify in writing, the MBTA Chairman, Mr. John Haley, of our feelings about the access road from Rte. 20 and about Millbury not becoming a "de facto" regional station, as it appears it will be.

"3. The responsibilities of this station, in regards to policing and other emergency services, and their resultant costs, are going to be borne entirely by the town.

"4. The location and size of this station may not be beneficial to the town. The only option that we see for offsetting expenses, is to receive money from parking fees, if we can negotiate it."

Dore also reported that the MBTA line time table shows bringing the MBTA train to Worcester by the fall of 1994 without interim stops, and including interim stops by the Fall of 1995, which would include Millbury.

Board Chairman Jude Cristo asked, "If the train doesn't stop in Millbury but goes right through, would Millbury be excluded from any assessments?"

Town Planner Steve Bishop replied that under the present formula, the town would still be assessed.

In response to a question from Bleau, Dore said his committee has not taken an official position on the proposal. "The more I look at it," he said, "the more I think it's not to our benefit. Some others are feeling the same way."

Dore also said that one committee member who was originally in favor of the proposal has now become skeptical after studying the issue and learning of the potential costs to the town.

Bleau, saying he is opposed to the siting, said the road as proposed would benefit the turnpike and not the town.

Bishop remarked, "That is open to interpretation, but, as you say, it doesn't benefit the town. Whether there is a station or not in Millbury, assessments are coming. It is important that, as the issue comes through the legislative process, the Selectmen get in touch with our legislators on this and urge them to network with other legislators around to work on an assessment formula that is more equitable. We can say we don't want a station," Bishop said, "but that doesn't necessarily mean we will not be hit with a big assessment."

Bleau said it is his understanding that assessments can change with legislation.

Bishop agreed. He also noted that if the town has a station, "It will get hit with a surcharge of 25%, since the formula is, as I understand it," he said, "based upon 75% of your population and the boarding count. If we are getting passengers from Auburn, then we will get assessed for the boarding count, which is, in effect, a 25% surcharge. The breakdowns among the present communities show a spread in assessments of up to $100,000."

Dore said a comparison of the abutting towns of Wenham and Hamilton show that there is a great disparity between the two assessments. "One has a station and one doesn't," he said, "yet their populations are about the same."

"Station or not," Cristo said, "it doesn't look like a bargain to me."

Committee member Joe Bianculli explained that by definition, you are a commuter if you live in Millbury and work in Auburn, no matter how you get there. "That's how you are assessed," he said. He also noted that two people from Millbury could take the train and another 498 people from other towns, and Millbury, he said, "would get whacked for the extra 25% surcharge under the formula of 75%"

In was noted that the MBTA has not assessed any new stations under the formula since July of 1973. "All indications are that once all their plans are in place, they will hit us," Bianculli said.

Bleau said the lack of assessments is due to the fact that current legislation is "skewered towards Boston."

Bianculli noted that Boston's assessment is $50 million a year.

Bleau said it should be high since most of the tracks are located there.

Bianculli also noted that the town cannot vote itself out of the MBTA system. "It's the Great and General Court that makes the decision over who will be part of the system."

Cristo said he could not recall anyone, "including our own legislators and Rocco Mancini of the MBTA," mentioning that it would cost the town money when the preliminary meetings were held. "They didn't say it was going to cost us anything," Cristo remarked. "All they said was how great it was going to be."

Bishop then explained that the MBTA suggested to the advisory committee that the best way to contact them would be through the Board of Selectmen. "That is why the committee is asking you to address the four items in our interim report," he said.

Relative to the town picking up the costs for security and emergency services for the proposed station, Dore referred to

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a letter from the Chief of Police in the town of Franklin who spelled out the problems experience by Franklin relative to security.

Bianculli related a story he was told by a women at a station he visited who said she took the MBTA train from another town because cars in the parking lot at the station where she lived were constantly being vandalized. Bianculli noted that the Franklin Chief also reported vandalism problems in his town at the MBTA Station parking lot.

In response to a question on what formula is used for assessments, Bianculli said, "You don't get any straight answers from the MBTA officials."

Dore noted that a heated argument occurred at a meeting between MBTA officials and committee members because the committee felt the MBTA was only giving information they wanted the committee to hear. "We didn't get straight answers on a couple of questions," he said.

Cristo asked if the Board could ask them for the formula used for assessments?

"We didn't ask for it," Bishop replied, "as they (MBTA officials) said it was so Byzantine that it would be almost impossible to figure it out."

Cristo said the Board could take a stab at it. "We may be country hicks," he said, "but we aren't dumb."

Cristo then reviewed the committee's request that the Board, if it votes to support the station location, include in its letter to the MBTA that they also support a Rte 20 access road and that they are not in favor of paying assessments. "And," he added, "we want a copy of the formula used to make assessments."

"You will probably get the same formula you have in the packet I gave you tonight," Dore said. "You might want to ask them, if Millbury was a participant right now, what would be the cost to Millbury?"

"I would just as soon they take their train someplace else," Bleau said.

Biancullli said they could put it a half mile down the road in back of the Big "Y" or Building 19 in Worcester.

Dore said that for the amount of land involved and the amount of tracks located in Millbury, "we are going to take it on the chin."

Leslie Lane resident Sylvio Bourdeau said the town should look to the option of voting on this issue. He asked the Board to see if there was an option available. "If there is no option," he said, "this is a great democracy. If we have the option to vote on this, let's do it instead of this thing being shoved down our throats. That's taxation without representation."

Dore said the price to pay is not worth it for the town.

Debbie Plante, of Maple Street, said she would like to be able to take the train into Boston.

Bianculli said the town can't stand to assume a $100,000 assessment in addition to services that the town would have to provide. "It's going to cost us a lot," he said.

"We have spent money on more crazy things," she said.

Bianculli said he, too, could use the train, but suggested it be moved up a half mile into Worcester. He also noted that since the inception of the Advisory Committee, there have been meetings with the MBTA with a promise they would keep in contact with the committee through their consultant on the option of a Rte. 20 access road. "We have not heard anything," he said.

Cristo asked who first suggested Millbury for a location for an MBTA station?

Biancullli replied that it is difficult to get straight answers.

Bleau said one way to get attention is to vote straight out against the proposal.

Cristo noted that the MassPike interchange and the MBTA station projects may come to pass, but the town has the ability through legal action to protect itself and hold up the projects. Bianculli said that if the town could negotiate a fee for parking and for the cost of services to the town, and avoid costs on the tax rate, then the proposal might be acceptable.

Cristo agreed that if the proposal impacts on the community there should be some trade offs. "It has to be weighed against the quality of life for this town," he said.

Bleau suggested that the letter to the MBTA include that the Selectmen's position on siting the station in Millbury is affected by the detriment to the town and increases in assessment which could result in layoffs of personnel.

Cristo also cited the potential traffic impact on Rte 122.

The Board voted 5-0 not to support the proposal for siting a station in Millbury at this time, based on the advisory committee's interim report.

Early Retirement

The Board took no official vote on approving an early retirement incentive plan passed by the legislature and town meeting. They opted to wait for more information on the cost and on the mechanics of how to put the plan into action. It is estimated that the plan could cost the town $21,000 a year over the next 15 years. The Board has yet to get a handle on sick leave buy-back or vacation costs.

Investigative Committee

The Board decided to seek from each department, records pertaining to issues surrounding the inspections and approvals relating to the siting and construction of Paul Revere Village. The town is still in litigation with the Condominium Association. The suit alleges, in part, that the town's "agents, servants or employees, failed to inspect or negligently inspected and negligently approved the construction and septic system at the Paul Revere Village Condominium" and that "the unsafe, faulty, dangerous and hazardous construction was allowed to exist as a result of the negligence and carelessness of the defendant, the Town of Millbury, its agents, servants or employees."

Sylvio Bourdeau, of Leslie Lane, brought to the board's attention, a town meeting vote that approved the establishment of a committee to "perform a complete investigation of all town departments involved in any way with the construction of Paul Revere Village to determine if all town by-laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth which apply were adhered to and to make recommendations where deemed necessary to change any Town by-laws or operation of any town department to avoid any future problems such as that exist in Paul Revere Village and to file a report of their investigation...." He offered the names of five people who have indicated they would like to serve on the committee.

Cristo said the Board has not gone forward with appointing a committee on the recommendation of town counsel, because the town is in litigation.

Bourdeau said the letter from counsel "recommends" that they not go forward. "He does not say it is imperative," Bourdeau argued.

Cristo said town counsel is paid for his recommendations. "He is the corporate counsel."

Bourdeau said that may be true but the taxpayers who pay counsel's salary and are part of the corporation do not have the opportunity to pose any questions.

Cristo equated the situation to that of private corporate stockholders who do not have the opportunity to ask corporate counsel questions.

Bourdeau suggested that the Board get the ball rolling, noting that the Selectmen's handbook indicates the Board of Selectmen should take a leadership role in the town. He asked the selectmen to at least consider advertising for members and appointing the committee

Cristo suggested that the interested candidates mentioned by Bourdeau send in a short summary of their backgrounds for the Board to review.

At Bourdeau's urging, the Board agreed to ask all departments to provide the Board with copies of all materials related to the issues surrounding Paul Revere.

Bourdeau noted that in the series of articles on Paul Revere that appeared in the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle, it was noted that some minutes of a planning board meeting were missing. He said the Selectmen should look into indexing or cataloguing those records.

Cristo said that could be accomplished by speaking to the town clerk who is the keeper of the town records. He also noted that the various departments have some autonomy and that present board members can't be faulted for the actions of previous holders of positions.

Bourdeau said he agreed and was not implying that present people are responsible. He also said those people who were involved in the past from the various departments can be subpoenaed by the Selectmen for the purpose of gathering information directly related to the issues.

Bourdeau then asked if the Board intends to carry out the mandate of the town meeting to establish the committee.

Cristo replied, "Yes".

Matthew Lombard, of Lexington Ave, said the Board of Selectmen in the past has offered to help the residents of Paul Revere. "Well," he said, "this Committee will be helpful. If you truly mean what you say it (the committee) should start

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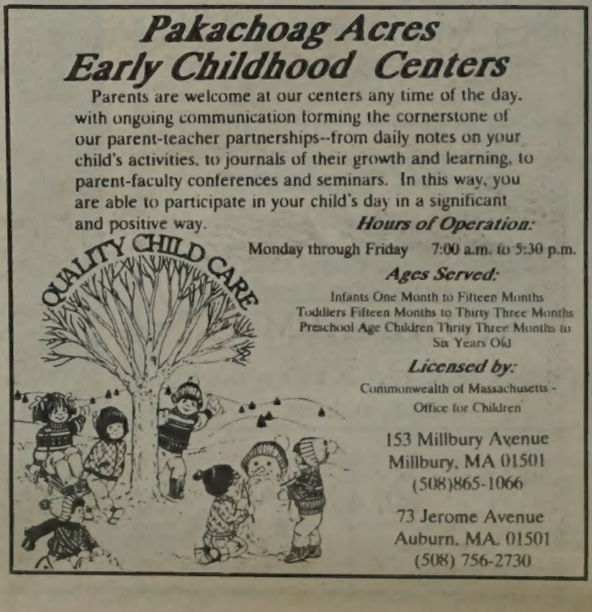
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She lives in Holden with her husband Thomas and two children.

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Amorello appointed to Ways and Means

BOSTON - State Senator Matthew J. Amorello (R-Grafton) has been appointed to serve on the Senate Ways and Means Committee by Senate Minority Leader Brian Lees.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this key committee post," said Amorello. "The budgetary challenges before the Legislature in 1993 will be tremendous. We must not retreat from the fiscal stability we have achieved in the past two budgets, and we must not abandon those citizens in greatest need. As a member of Ways and means, I will work hard to ensure that our state's limited resources are spent wisely."

Amorello was also named to the committees on Judiciary, Transportation and Federal Financial Assistance. "I believe these committee assignments will enable me to continue to serve the people of my district in areas of interest to me," he said. "For example, there are several transportation projects on the board that are critical to Central Massachusetts, such as the Route 146/Mass Pike plan and the Boston-to-Worcester commuter rail extension, and I intend to use my position on the transportation committee to move these forward."

Concert Series at Holy Cross

WORCESTER - The Holy Cross Dancers 1993 will hold a series of performances featuring choreography, both Modern and Ballet. Scheduled dates are February 11, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and February 14 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 793-2496.

Turkey Luncheon

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will host a turkey dinner luncheon on Thursday, February 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church on Main Street, next to the common.

The menu will include a complete turkey dinner with all the fixings, rolls and butter, hot and cold beverage, and your choice from an assortment of pies for dessert. The cost is $5.00 per person. Lunches may also be ordered "to go" by calling Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176.

Women's Bowling League

MILLBURY - Charlotte Gabree had the High Triple last week in the Millbury Women's Bowling League. She bowled strings of 99/115/91 for a 305 game.

Bowling 100 and over were: Aggie Boire, 105/103; Kathy Marble, 100/105; Charlote Gabree, 115; Vivian Joubert, 111; Bobbee Bernard, 101/109; Marge McArdle, 103; Becky Rushton, 102; and Lois White, 101.

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PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
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1	#5 Sisters Plus One	12	4
2	#3 The Shadows	8	8
3	#4 Joanie & the Jets	8	8
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5	#6 Gail's Gabbers	2	14

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Charlotte Gabree 128

HIGH TRIPLE
Pat Gaspar 370
Joan DeSantis 358
Kathy Marble 335

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar, 104.1; Kathy Marble, 97.7; Charlotte Gabree 96.6

TOP TEN BOWLERS: Pat Gaspar, 104.1; Kathy Marble, 97.6; Charlotte Gabree 96.6; Joan DeSantis, 96.5; Becky Rushton, 96; Gail Higginbottom, 94.8; Ellen Bouvier, 92.7; Ann Coons, 92.6; Mary Jo Boire, 88.8; Irma Healy, 87.5.

Open Burning Permits

MILLBURY - The Millbury Fire Department will issue Open Burning Permits on Saturdays, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Fire Headquarters on Elm Street. Open Burning season runs from January 15 through May 1. There is a $5.00 fee for the permit. For further information, call 865-5328on Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Cable installation on schedule

WORCESTER - Greater Media Cable has notified the Millbury Board of Selectmen that construction of the town's new cable system is on schedule. The rebuild is scheduled to be completed by April of this year. Installations on the new system are anticipated to begin in March and completed in the late spring or early summer.

Sleigh Rally at Waters Farm

SUTTON - A Sleigh Rally, sponsored by the Waters Farm Horseman's Association, will be held at Waters Farm, Waters Road, on Sunday, January 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a fun, inexpensive family event. The donation is $5.00 per car.

Experience the days of a bygone era. Watch horse-drawn sleighs compete in a variety of events. Free sleigh rides for all. Warm up beside the bonfire. Hot food and drinks will be provided by the Sutton Lions Club.

This event will be canceled only if the fields are too soft to support parking. If without snow, a carriage rally will be held instead.

To reach Waters Farm, follow signs from Route 395 Exit 4A, and take the Route 146 "Central Turnpike, Oxford" exit.

For more information, call Joy Nydam at 865-1730.

Camp Fire News

MILLBURY - Millbury Camp Fire will hold a "Starry Safari" on Friday, February 12th, at the New England Science Center in Worcester. This is an overnight program, beginning at 7 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Saturday. Interested members are asked to contact their leader or call Sue Rainville at 865-4617 for more information.

Volunteers sought for Personnel Board

MILLBURY - The Millbury Board of Selectmen is looking for two individuals to fill vacancies on the Personnel Board. Anyone interested in serving should contact the Selectmen's office at 865-4710.

Teacher of the Year awards

MILLBURY - The Charles F. Minney Post 3329 VFW and its auxiliary will present their ninth annual Teacher of the Year Awards on February 6 at post quarters, 16 South Main Street. A social hour will be held from 6-7 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are $12.00 and may be purchased at the bar.

This year's recipients will be Mary Jo McKeon, 2nd Grade teacher at the Elmwood Street School; Robert Triggs, 5th Grade teacher at the Raymond E. Shaw School; Bonnie Sue Dawicki, Special Education Resource Room teacher at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School; Dianne M. Scenna, Business Education teacher, and Kevin L. Viner, Metal Fabrication teacher, both from Blackstone Valley Tech.

The recipients are selected by their administrators and peers. The awards will presented by Dr. Richard Palermo, Superintendent of the Millbury Public Schools, and Eugene Picard, Superintendent of Blackstone Valley Tech.

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'Tis another year that we have entered. Lord that it would be kind to us, the young, the short and the tall!

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Have you received the penalty, the cost, for being so generous with your hard earned loot? Oh, well, ya can't take it with you now, can you? 'Tis better to spend it now and enjoy it than leave it all to the relatives for them to have a heck of a time on your hard earned loot. Lord knows that you could be a long time in the old rocker sittin' and rockin', the bedpan close by, your teeth on the bureau, maybe a little nip on the side, just in case.

1993...Me guess is that once we settle with the feds, you know, the taxes that will be due, the car insurance, we might be able to settle down for the "good times" ahead, what with young'uns coming in, young Bill Clinton and his partner, who, I hear, wears a cement back brace (that's why he can't bend); good times are ahead. And if you believe that blarney I'm pushing, you'll believe anything.

ALL PRAISE AND THANKS

Nothing but praise and thanks to our highway crew, the police, the fire department, the ambulance crews for the way they handled that Whopper of a storm a few weeks back. They answered above and beyond the call of duty. What can you say, how can you repay them all? What a crew, what great people; ya gotta be proud of all of 'em! Even though I didn't get plowed until the next day, I knew what they were up against; the main roads first, side roads next. Again, to all who, in one way or another, got us out from under that mess, a great big THANK YOU! P.S. The Fire and Police Dispatchers outdid themselves in keeping up with all the calls. Believe me, you're all much appreciated. Keep up the good work! We depend on you. (See, folks, there are a lot of people out there who really appreciate the fine work you're doing!) Believe it!

Tell a man that there are 300 billion stars in the universe, and he will believe you. Tell a man that a bench has wet paint, and he has to touch it!

NON FUMARE

A seminarian asked his teacher if he could smoke while he prayed.

The teacher emphatically replied, "Of course not!"

The seminarian then asked his teacher if he could pray while he smoked.

The teacher then replied, "Yes, by all means, my son!"

CHEAPER ACROSS THE RIO GRANDE!

The state lost out again on taxes. They thought they would make millions on the recent tax increase on butts, but weed seekers have crossed over into New Hampshire and neighboring states to get puffing sticks! Ayupp! Seems this state is unable to do anything right, no way, no how! Proof again, the state legislature in action, or is it inaction?

That Bulger is quite the character isn't he? To hell with the people, he says, he's the boss, and he'll run it his way. Another Curley. His shenanigans have got to go. Can one Bozo hold so much power? Evidently he does. So much for the democratic way of doing things. It's still "you scratch my back, and I'll allocate all the money you want." 'Tis the same old blarney wherever you go, isn't it? Begorrah!

SIGN IN an Optometrist's office...If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place! (I like that one.)

It was mean! It was Dirty Pool! It was Dastardly! But it was a GOTCHA! They split up, divided the loot, and went on their merry ways...but she got the computer! Holy Megabytes! But vengeance is mine, said the computerless husband. He borrowed a friend's system, wrote in a program and sent it to his ex-wife who was having a heck of a time with his computer toy. A note attached to the disc read in part "let bygones be bygones." She accepted the new disc, inserted it into the computer...and that's where the GOTCHA came into play. Ayupp! He programmed the disc to wipe out all items stored in the computer! That's mean, that's nasty! It's a true story that appeared recently on TV. I kid you not!

WHAT'S THIS? McDonald's might be coming out with a meatless "Mac?" Yupp! A potato and veggie filled burger for those who wish to give up beef! From what we hear, it's already being sold in some European countries. Might be a hit, who knows? MOO-OO-OO!

LUNCH TIME - Friends, when was the last time you had a meal consisting of fried Baloney, boiled potatoes and veggies? Ya gotta try it, brought back a lot of memories from back when we were kids. By golly, I remember sugar sprinkled on bread, sprinkled with water. Now those were tough times! But we managed, very well.

YOU KNOW what's strange, well to me anyway? You go through a lot of time and trouble to cook a turkey and the only part that's worth munching on is the white meat, the breast meat; the legs of the bird wind up, who knows where? An Inquiry: does anyone ever eat the part of the turkey that goes over the fence last? You know what I mean? I just wonder these thought provoking items. It stimulates the mind! Thought I'd ask...

Heard that Danny Quayle will be getting a job as a teacher in some college, somewhere on the planet. Why not? If Dukakis can do it, why can't he? It do take all kinds to make the world go round, and round...

A STORM EMERGENCY KIT: A gas stove for cooking, a battery operated TV set, a couple of old fashioned kerosene lamps, a fireplace burning dry wood, powdered milk, a jug of your favorite picker upper, a good book to peruse, a couple of kids to plow your drive.

THEY DID IT AGAIN! Enough already, Big D, watch it! You had Ziplock bags on sale for 99 cents. The computer logged it in at $2.29 per box! But ya didn't get away with it, did ja? "Whoa, Nellie!" I cried out. Stop the presses. Ya may zap some but ya won't zap me. Gotcha! Friends, be alert at check out time. Watch every item being logged in...Prices are high enough without adding more to it! They hate to see me coming.

A promise made...A promise kept..."I wish to be buried from my church upon the hill..." was the last request from a father to his son. Didn't seem like an unusual request at the time, but time and circumstances have changed. You see, his Church, St. Joseph's, "officially" doesn't exist anymore! It has been closed by order of the local Bishop. How to fulfill his father's last request? It posed a problem, for no priest or deacon would be available, the Church "officially" was closed, all Masses, services normally conducted by a priest ceased, what to do?

The son heard that a committee had kept the doors of the church open and were conducting prayer services and works of charity (Four hundred or more good people hoping for a miracle!).

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MORIN from Page 6

Miracles do happen! The son approached the committee about his father's last wish. (He did have a legitimate funeral mass at a nearby church before being brought to his "church on the hill.") He was met at the entrance by friends and relatives. His casket sprinkled with holy water, brought to the foot of the altar, prayers said, hymns sung...He had come home to his church, his friends and family. His son had fulfilled his father's last dying wish. A final blessing was given by a priest at the cemetery. St. Joseph's may exist no more, but it's still there isn't it? Lord, that a just solution be found, we pray! There must be a way! A solution!

THE MARINES are doing one heck of a job in Somalia what with keeping the peace, food distribution, a hand shake here and there, a smile. Notice they don't fool around when it comes to disarming the wild young'uns. Hey, maybe when they get back home they can do the same thing here, you know, disarm the young'uns, the old ones.

How many more gals can Clinton squeeze into his Cabinet? Just curious, that's all...When the cave man would scream at the heavens and beat the ground with sticks, modern man called it witchcraft. When modern man screams at the heavens and beats the ground with sticks, we call it golf!

BITS 'N PIECES

Let the waters flow. You bet! They're talking about creating an enormous canal which could transform vast expanses of the Sinai desert into green fields. About 400,000 acres would be reclaimed for farming, future towns, cities. Times and the landscapes are a' changin', no doubt about it.

A NEW BOOK out entitled "What To Say When You Talk To Yourself!" by a Mr. Helmletter, Ph.D. I'm not ready for that one, yet!

NEW CAR ADS showing up on Russian TV. All the people can do is gawk, and wish! TITO must be turning over in his grave, what with all the infighting going on in his country. Sad state of affairs indeed...suffering, killing.

BUG-A-BOO

We came across a story recently where some scientists in Romania were examining a site for a power plant and came across a crack in the earth. They enlarged it and slid into a huge cave that has been isolated, they say, for about 500,000 years. Now me buckoes, that's a long time to be isolated. They have discovered bugs and things, millions of strains of bacteria, unique eyeless insects, spiders never seen before. Isn't that where the legendary Dracula hails from, or was it Transylvania? Lots of bugs out there, under there, over there...Don't show them a can of Raid though!

Truthfully now, is there a dependable lawn mower, snow blower, vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, etc. on the market? All those we've tried in the past, some name brands, were lemons. Surely American know-how and ingenuity can come up with something that really works and is dependable. C'mon now, let's not wait for the overseas crowd to beat us to it.

We're entering a New Year, 1993 to be exact - lot of problems around the world! A lot of us are trying to alleviate some of the suffering going on, but a lot has to be done. We still have a lot of irresponsible leaders around this world of ours, power hungry, egotistical, who could care less about their peoples. There are still so many hungry, homeless, sick souls around. We need not go overseas to see all this, do we? Guess we'll always have poverty, sickness, homelessness with us. The senseless slaughter in Yugoslavia, the unrest in the Holy Land, aborting of innocents, it's a tough situation.

O.K. folks, that's it for now. Hang in there, and may you all have a good year. Peace!

Your Pal, Joseph

Named to Dean's list

WORCESTER - Elizabeth Mailloux of Millbury has been named to the Dean's List at Assumption College for the Fall 1992 Semester. She is a biology major and a member of the Class of 1993.

Mailloux is the wife of Martin Mailloux and the daughter of Richard and Judy Croteau of 10 Summer Street, Millbury.

Dance in Sutton

SUTTON - The Dudley Gendron American Legion Post 414, 156 Boston Road, will sponsor a country and western Sweetheart Dance on February 6, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Entertainment will be provided by "Music Gallery" with their karaoke style music. There will be free hot dogs and hamburgers available. Tickets are $5.00 per person.

EPA accepting entries for Youth Award Program

BOSTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's seventh annual President's Environmental Youth Award (PEYA) program is now underway and the agency is accepting entries. The deadline for completed entries is July 31, 1993.

The PEYA program, for young people in kindergarten through grade 12, promotes environmental awareness and community involvement through youth projects. A national winner is selected in each of EPA's ten regions.

By conducting activities or projects related to the environment, the program intends to help the youths foster a greater awareness of and appreciation for their natural surroundings.

Certificates will be awarded to every student who participates in the program. The nation's first-place winners and their sponsors will receive an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for an awards ceremony and a tour of the nation's Capitol.

For a copy of the program's brochure or for more information, contact Evelyn Sullivan at EPA-Public Affairs, JFK Federal Building, (RPM), Boston, MA 02203 or call (617) 565-3187.

Youth Baseball Registration

MILLBURY - Millbury Little League will hold registration for all leagues, including senior, at the Middle School on Saturday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. All youth between the ages of 6 and 15 who want to play baseball for the 1993 season must register at this time. A youth must be 6 by July 31, 1993 but no older than 15 by July 31, 1993.

Due to insurance requirements, even players who were on a team last year must register. All youths must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian for insurance validation.

There will be a $30 per family registration fee due at the time of registration. However, all families will be given the opportunity to have this fee refunded during the course of the season.

Meeting to review CMRPC plan

SUTTON - A look at the Transportation and Growth Management Plan recently developed for the Blackstone Valley by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) will be the topic of a Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce Membership Breakfast on Tuesday, February 2, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Pleasant Valley Country Club. The cost to attend is $10 per person. To register, contact Mary Hubbard at 234-9090 or Sandra Haagsma at 753-2924.

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Board questions payment of vendors

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - The January 19 Selectmen's meeting began on a somber note with vice-chairman Rick LaBonte announcing that Chairman Wally Johnson was hospitalized. Board members in attendance expressed their concern and offered their best wishes for Johnson's speedy recovery.

The board met with Town Treasurer David Perry to discuss a complaint from the School Committee that one of its vendors was not paid in a timely fashion.

Perry was open with the board about his policy with regard to accounts payable in October and November. He admitted that over the last few years, the town has been deferring payment to some vendors for 30 to 45 days because revenue from taxes is not available. He said that by deferring payment, he has avoided short term borrowing which, he said, saved the town over $10,000.

Perry explained that on October 1992, the total balance in Sutton's general fund account was $18,500. He said that if he held up accounts payable, he did not need to borrow money. He did borrow $2 million dollars in November to make the school payment of $1.1 million. Perry said that cost $10,000 in interest for 55 days. He said it was his policy to release the older warrants as money came in to pay them.

Perry said he has borrowed $2 million dollars this year for 55 days and $1,150,000 last year for 20 days for a total borrowing cost of $13,000.

"I don't believe what we're doing is inappropriate," Perry said. "We do keep funds available - about $150,000 - in order to pay the school bus contract and any other person contracted." He said if he changed his procedure, Sutton would lose $10,000. He said this procedure was not unlike many businesses who extend their payments 30 to 45 days. Perry said that he is trying to stretch Sutton tax dollars as far as he can.

Perry then referred to the letter of complaint and said that it is his policy to release money to vendors if they have a serious need for it.

Perry said that in the past, he would have to spend $100,000 in interest payments trying to get through the year. "It would be a lot easier for me to say, 'I'll borrow another $2 million dollars, put it in my account and be home free.' It would be simple for me to do that, but it wouldn't be sound financial management in representing the Town as its treasurer to do that." He added that he and Town Administrator Dexter Blois work hard to stretch town funds and address the needs of vendors.

Perry said that the town has never refused to pay vendors when they sought their payment. He also said he has never received a letter of complaint, though he acknowledged that he has received complaints from the school department.

Perry said it comes to a choice of delaying payments to vendors during two months or paying the vendors and not being able to use that $10,000 to fund programs.

Board member Mary K. Connor said she wanted the issue discussed because she has been made aware that the school committee disagrees with the policy of deferring payments. Connor said she was not aware that the Treasurer paid the school bus contract and the health insurance.

Blois explained that once the vendor in question came to the Town Hall to collect payment, he was paid. He did note that the vendor commented that the payment was not the full amount. Blois said subsequent phone calls revealed that there was a split invoice charging his "services" part to the regular school account and part to the special education account. One of the invoices had to be sent to the school committee, then to the treasurer for payment and that invoice had not even reached the town hall. "I couldn't have given him a check because there was no check to release," Blois said. "I feel like I'm taking the rap for (the invoice) having gotten here late and him not getting his check. That's not fair," Blois said.

Connor said one of the problems is that the town is delaying payment on top of the delay of processing the invoices.

Perry said the town did not delay all payments between October 15 and December 15. He said he did not hold the October 15 warrants for the whole two months but most probably not more than 30 to 45 days.

Blois said that what compounded the problem was that it took 30 to 35 days for the warrants to cycle through the school and arrive at the Town Hall for payment. Perry said he does not know how to control that process.

Blois used last year's school bus contract payment as an example of how Sutton has handled the issue. He explained that last year, the town borrowed $1.2 million just to pay for the school bonds. He said he talked to the school bus manager about delays in paying the bus contract. Blois said the manager was appreciative that he had called to explain the delay, understood the situation, and worked with Blois through the whole process. "He called back after the whole thing was over and thanked me for being forthright with him, up front, telling him what was going on, and the fact that he could rely on what I told him."

Perry explained that Sutton has a significant amount of money in tax title and that the town has been aggressively trying to recover tax money. He said he has sent out 17 letters starting land court proceedings. Through these demand letters, the town has collected $45,000 over the last three months. He said a second batch of 18 to 20 letters is going out. Perry said 60 to 70 people are not paying their taxes and one of these owes almost $80,000 which he hopes to recover by January 31. "If we could collect all of our money on time," he said, "that would also help (with the cash flow)."

Blois told the board as of December 15, only about 80% of the taxes were paid and usually 92% to 94% are paid by that date. "That in and of itself is a significant problem. Like Dave said, that money is coming in but it's coming in late." Blois added that the problem will get worse in FY'95 and, if the trend continues, the town will have to go into tax anticipation notes in April of the fiscal year rather than in November.

Perry said if he puts property in tax title, that represents $300,000, a significant dollar amount which is the school payroll and a solid warrant. He said it is easy for him to borrow money, but he has to pay each note and the interest. "By the time you get through this whole process," he said, "the town pays a lot to borrow this money. What we're trying to do is to act appropriately and fiscally responsibly." Perry stressed that he would help any department that needs payment to any vendor.

Perry said he is very concerned over tax title property, particularly subdivisions that are not paying. He said the only way the town collects is foreclosure. It costs $750 per parcel to go to land court before the attorney or any other expense. He said it then will take two years to recover that money. He said he has to put 198 parcels in tax title, it represents a significant amount.

Connor commented that she was surprised that more vendors are not complaining about late payments.

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now.

It's very important, whether it finds anything or not. Litigation as an excuse should not be used to stall the committee. I don't agree with that."

Cristo said things would move more quickly once litigation is over.

"I feel it's imperative," Lombard said. "I hope our situation, as we stand possibly in danger of losing our homes, doesn't come at the expense of you listening to town counsel or that it comes at your convenience. It's a curtain to hide behind," he said.

Cristo said he disagreed.

"It appears to be that way," Lombard countered.

Sarah Lilley, chairwoman of the Paul Revere Condominium Association, also spoke in favor of getting the committee going, saying the points raised by Lombardi and Bourdeau were valid. "The records and minutes are public records open to all. Anyone can come in and look at them. In regards to pending litigation," she said, "counsel is there for advice and not to tell you what to do. I see no harm in the committee getting into digging out the materials and records because it will take time."

Bourdeau said he recalled reading in one of the Chronicle articles on Paul Revere that minutes were missing for a Planning Board meeting that specifically dealt with an amendment for changes to by-law 32.6. He noted that there was an amendment to that bylaw at the town meeting a few weeks after that planning board meeting that dealt with allowing condominiums to come into town. "There was also a letter to you (Cristo) as clerk, asking the Selectmen to sign something and you and the Board didn't know what it (the letter) was about," Bourdeau said. "They, the Planning Board, never got back to you."

Cristo said he might have a copy of the meeting referred to by Bourdeau and he would try to find it for the purpose of getting all records together.

Monthly Report

Cristo asked Town Auditor Roger Picard if a monthly report could be made available for the Board to see what the financial picture of the town is on a month to month basis.

Picard said a monthly report could be done but "it wouldn't do a heck of a lot of good. The bottom line is, when the budgets are approved, that's it," he said. "Any information you need can be had right now."

Cristo said the board would like to see the town's financial situation on a monthly basis.

"If you need the numbers, just give me a call," Picard said.

146 Project

Cristo reported on a telephone conversation he had with a staff member of Secretary of Transportation James Kerasiotes, a Mr. Puccia, who expressed interest in discussing the town's concerns over the 146 project.

Cristo said Puccia told him he has a road to build and that in reply, Cristo told Puccia that he has a town to protect. "Hopefully," Cristo said, "we can meet with him sometime soon, maybe on January 25 before he meets with the newly formed Worcester Business Alliance."

Miscellaneous

- The Board approved a proclamation honoring Monsignor Mederic Roberts on the occasion of his 45th anniversary in the priesthood. Roberts is the retired Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Church. January 24th was designated as Monsignor Mederic Roberts Day in Millbury.

- A letter was received from Building Inspector Rene Morin urging the Board to take some action to approve the new fee schedule pertaining to recent legislation regarding licensing of home improvement contractors. The Board opted to wait for an answer from town counsel on options.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1-5

MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, FF, Pan Roll/Butter, Pears

TUESDAY: Cheeseburger/Roll, FF, Carrots, Jello/Topping

WEDNESDAY: Baconburger/Roll, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Fruit

THURSDAY: Juice, Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, FF, Pudding

FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, Vegetable Soup, Carrots/Celery Stix, Brownie

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

MONDAY: Hot Dog/Roll, Potato Puffs, Baked Beans, Pudding

TUESDAY: Chickenburger/Roll OR Pizza, Lettuce, Corn, Jello/Topping

WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (with lettuce & tomato), Potato Chips, Fruit

THURSDAY: Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potato, Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Pan Roll/Butter, Cake

FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Squares

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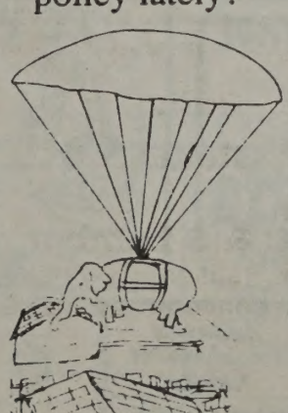

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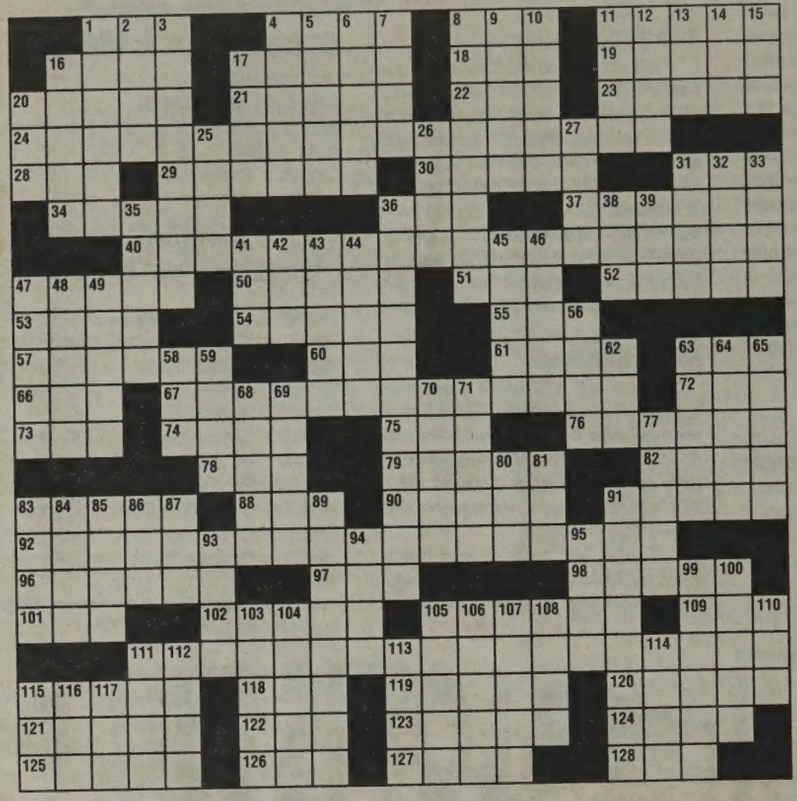

By Nancy Scandrett Ross

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4 Celebes buffalo
8 Man's
11 Air layer
16 Evening, in Siena
17 Region-related
18 Cassowary's cousin
19 Seine tributary
20 Riviera and Seville
21 1954-1977 alliance: Abbr.
22 Baseball stat
23 Choler
24 Play by Turgenev
28 "Diff'rent Strokes" actress
29 Moors
30 Feudal lord
31 Summertime in NY
34 Called out
36 Chess piece
37 "Wait 'Till the Sun Shines, —"
40 1962 film with Jack Lemmon
47 No longer current
50 Prepare for a task
51 Bway sign
52 Plumbing parts
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60 Psychiatric treatment: Abbr.
61 Urban haze
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66 Three, in Firenze
67 A.J. Cronin novel
72 NOW concern
73 Aves.
74 Nursery-rhyme king
75 Court
76 Wearing a label
78 Emergency guest room
79 Mecca for scuba divers
82 Evaluate
83 Floral essence
88 Before cast or conduct
90 Rod of tennis
91 Hoffmann output
92 Song by Andrew Lloyd Webber
96 Fireplace adjunct
97 Taylor, to fans
98 Lascivious looks
101 Tolkien tree
102 Vicuna's range
105 Dance: Comb. form
109 Nativity suffix
111 1957 Billy Wilder movie
115 Glossy fabric
118 Zedong of China
119 Type size
120 Specks
121 Conscious
122 Long-tailed blackbird
123 Ceremonies
124 Arden namesakes
125 Goddess of agriculture
126 Composer Rorem
127 Maugham tale
128 Morose

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1 Negative Presidential role
2 Press
3 Newspaper listing
4 "...and — I a woman?"
5 Poetically below
6 Inaugural promises
7 African succulent
8 Leading ladies
9 Permeate
10 Taking to court
11 General Bradley
12 Clownish
13 Bus. group
14 Compass pt.
15 Suffix for ballad or profit
16 Poison plant
17 Sri Lanka's continent
20 Bern's river
25 Lamarr of filmdom
26 Ross or Gordon
27 Care for
31 Otherwise
32 Carpe —
33 Polanski '79 film
35 Perfect
36 Chopin crowd pleaser
38 Hesitant syllables
39 Builder's plot
41 Theology deg.
42 Spanish gold
43 Traveler
44 Flinch
45 "I will — and go now...:" Yeats
46 — Shearer
47 Obligations
48 Watchful
49 Mah-jongg pieces
56 Arrange in order
58 Last entry in list
59 Not barefoot
62 Brownies' org.
63 Befitting a monarch
64 Sharp ridge
65 Pluto's realm
68 Varnish resin
69 Suffix for photo
70 Honora derivative
71 "— got that thing"
77 Rasp
80 TV's Matlock
81 Jackie's second
83 "Don't throw bouquets —"
84 Comparison conjunction
85 Desert shelter
86 Quant.
87 Regret
89 Electrical actuator
91 Speculations
93 Serb or Czech
94 Pugilistic enforcer
95 Kind of club
99 Brawled
100 Socrates milieus
103 Russian/Lithuanian river
104 Actress Ladd
105 Role in "As You Like It"
106 Port-au-Prince's land
107 Many times
108 Hwys.
110 Annapolis grad.
111 Enjoy
112 Paper money
113 Mister, in Berlin
114 Bossa —
115 Plant pouch
116 Wonder
117 Ralph Rackstraw, e.g.

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Sutton Historical Society to feature panel discussion

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet Tuesday, February 2, at 8 p.m. in the General Rufus Putnam Hall. The program will be unique in its presentation. A panel composed of four personalities: Wally Johnson, Bud Gurney, Ben MacLaren and Don King will participate.

Alexander G. Belisle, publisher of the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle, is scheduled to moderate the panel. Each panelist is well-known for his individual ability in memory recall to graphically relate past episodes in community lifestyles in explicit detail. The format is planned to allow freewheeling and unrestrained discussion of past interludes, much of which has gone unrecorded. As usual, the public is welcome. Refreshments will be served.

6th Annual Lake Singletary Ice Fishing Derby and Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - Engine Company #2 of the Millbury Fire Department will sponsor its 6th annual Lake Singletary Ice Fishing Derby on Sunday, February 7, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top five fish. There will be a special prize category for children. The cost is $10 for adults and $2 for children under the age of 12.

Station #2 will also hold a pancake breakfast in conjunction with the derby. The breakfast will run from 6-11 a.m. at Station 2 on West Main Street and will include sausage and bacon. The donation is $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for kids 12 and under.

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Selectman Dana Gravison suggested that the school committee send their invoices to the Town Hall sooner in light of the fact that payments are delayed in October and November. He said that it was not fair for the school committee to complain about Blois and Perry without taking some of the blame over delays themselves.

Connor said the issue is not to blame any one department. "Philosophically, the school committee feels we should borrow to pay our bills," she said.

"The bottom line is, the Treasurer and the Town Administrator have been acting responsibly. I for one will not vote to borrow more money," LaBonte said.

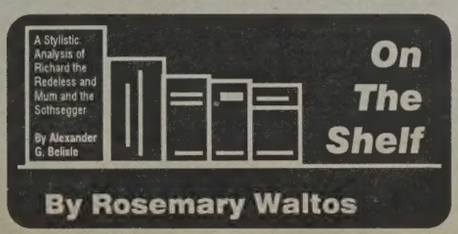
Miscellaneous

- Robert Watts of Depot Street, who runs a bait shop from that address, complained that the Sewer Commissioners notified him of a 100% increase in his sewer bill. He said he could not see the justification for that in that he is producing no more sewage now than he has over the last ten years.

The selectmen instructed him to address his complaint to the sewer commissioners and return to them if he is unhappy with the outcome.

- A vicious dog complaint was brought against Jocko, Martin Cichy's Husky-Rottweiler mix. Dog officer Richard Wunschel gave a history of the dog who has allegedly chased residents on Burbank Road. Cichy said that he resolved the problem by having the dog destroyed. He provided Wunschel with a paper indicating that the dog was destroyed.

- The selectmen voted not to exercise their right of purchase on land owned by Marie O'Mara on Hartness Road. They also voted to withdraw the land from Chapter 61B tax classification.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On The Shelf
By Rosemary Waltos

February Highlights

Each Saturday morning in February, the library will feature a popular children's film. All films start at 10:30 a.m. Kids may register Tuesday through Friday before each showing. There is a $1.00 admission fee for pizza and a drink, payable at the time of registration. February Films is sponsored by the Friends of the Library with additional support from Millbury House of Pizza.

Films are as follows: February 6, "Babar: The Movies" 90 minutes.

February 13, "Race For Your Life, Charlie Brown" 90 minutes

February 20, "Wizard of Oz" 120 minutes

February 27 "Fieval Goes West" 90 minutes

VALENTINE CRAFT - on Wednesday, February 10 at 3:30, make a heart shaped refrigerator notepad for your sweetie. For kids in grades one and up. Registration starts February 2.

Vacation Time Stories told by storyteller Linda Turner. On Wednesday, February 17 at 11:00, storyteller Linda Turner will entertain kids ages four and up with literature-based tales about "differences between you and me and others." Registration starts on February 9.

Friends of the Library Meeting, February 4, 7 p.m.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

It happens almost every time. Last week in "My Window," I wrote about being late. Now, wouldn't you know it, I have been late to almost everything ever since. There are justifiable reasons for being late, but it shouldn't become a lifestyle, and I'll try and do better myself.

In one church I pastored, I mentioned in a sermon that I was so dead set against any kind of gambling that I wouldn't even take green stamps that were popular in those days. Those dear people of that church had put their green stamps together and bought my Christmas present with them. Ouch! Another time, I spoke about Sunday and how the local gas stations would reduce their prices to lure us to buy gas on Sundays. You guessed it. I had to make an emergency trip that very afternoon and had to go and fill up my own gas tank on Sunday.

Ever since I came here to Millbury, I have been after our Postmaster to install a drive-up mailbox. Bless his heart, he has done so. It is located very conveniently right behind the Post Office. I have used it only once. He asked me to publicize it and urge you all to use it.

There was a man down in Philadelphia by the name of Russell Conwell who wrote a little book entitled, "Acres of Diamonds." This is the story of a man who sold his property and went all over the world looking for diamonds, only to discover that when he got back home, they had found acres of diamonds right in his back yard.

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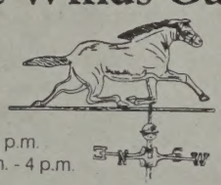
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that the previous budget proposal the Committee received was 8.8% over last year's, or a $570,000 increase. He noted that the budget before them tonight for review was reduced by $105,726 and now stands at 7.1% over last year's. "It's a maintenance budget proposal," he said, "but certainly not bare-bones."

The budget increase is due in a large part to salary increases which are up $344,860 or 72.4% percent of the increase this year,

Palermo then told the committee that one new item added to the budget is a request for funds for an audit of the books and accounts to assist in reviewing possible changes in the budget process that could lead to more efficiency.

Hanratty said that was a sensible request since there is a transition in management.

Palermo suggested that the account for legal services be upped from $1,000 to $8,000. He said the reason for the increase is to provide the school system with some confidentiality as, in most cases, the Committee has used the MASC attorney and has had to justify the requests through the Board of Selectmen. He also noted, "There are issues related to Special Education regulations and hearing requests beyond the local level which can be handled more efficiently with our own lawyer who would be paid on hourly rates."

Hanratty said the increase request would have to be looked at further because "that is a big jump in that account."

Palermo also suggested that the Committee consider establishing a technical aide position for the elementary levels. Most efforts in the area of technology have been focused on the high school.

Palermo also advocated an expenditure to have a Rhinehart writing specialist come in to review the writing program with teachers at the elementary level. It has been 17 years since that has been done and the request is supported by the elementary teachers.

The Committee will continue its review of the budget throughout the next several weeks.

Present at tonight's budget review was the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Bruce Arrington, who was taking notes.

AIDS related issues

Palermo reported that he has discussed AIDS related issues with Athletic Director Dave Wilbur with respect to safe procedures in the handling of sports injuries.

According to Wilbur, the coaches have been given information and kits and he is confident they will deal with the issue in a responsible way.

Miscellaneous

- The Business Education Department has received a $250 grant to take a class to New York City for a day to observe the workings of Wall Street.

- Several faculty members will be involved in a health in-service course after school in order to become informed on issues related to child abuse. The cost will be covered by a gift.

- The Committee was informed of the pending retirement of Grade 1 teacher Joan Brown, effective at the end of this school year.

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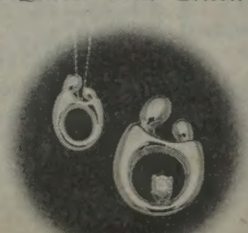

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